the persons known or suspected to be indulging in crime against women; and setting up of a Women Police Mobile Team to attend to distress calls from women.

Staff crunch in Delhi Police

4233. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police is feeling staff crunch to make foot patrols effective, as reported in the media;

(b) if so, the action plan to strengthen beat functioning in the capital; and

(c) whether vulnerable areas around the police stations in the capital have been identified to control incidents of crime at night; if so, the details of these sensitive areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The optimum utilization of the available manpower has enabled Delhi Police to maintain the efficacy of beat patrolling which in fact constitutes one of the major factors responsible for progressive decline in crime.

(c) The crime situation in different parts of the city is monitored and analyzed in order to identify areas where special measures to control crime are needed to be taken. This is a continuing process.

Security lapses in J & K

4234. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBRARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were security lapses which encouraged more extremist activities in operation in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether army has been given more firepower in Jammu and Kashmir after incidents of 24th March, 2003;

(d) if so, whether any directive has been issued to security forces to take measures to check infiltration and deal firmly with extremists that are operating at present in Jammu and Kashmir; and